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In re Application of:  
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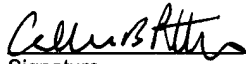
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 16, 2004**

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 16, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0214/WBP in the amount of \$550.00 for 7 additional claims including 1 independent claim, and for any fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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